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WAS THAT
SIGN LANGUAGE?





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UNTIL MORNING

FOR LOW TIDE.

HIER SUMMON

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I GUESS
HE REALLY
WAS A
BARD.



WHAT
A PRETTY
SONG...



I KEEP
THINKING
THIS PLACE IS
BEAUTIFUL
DURING THESE
MOMENTS



MOMENTS...

BUT SOMEONE
SOMEWHERE IS
PROBABLY LOSING
THEIR LIFE TO
A DEMON
RIGHT NOW.

THE VILLAGES
NEAR THE NORTH
OF GORHA WHERE
I WAS HAVE ALL
BEEN DESTROYED

ALREADY

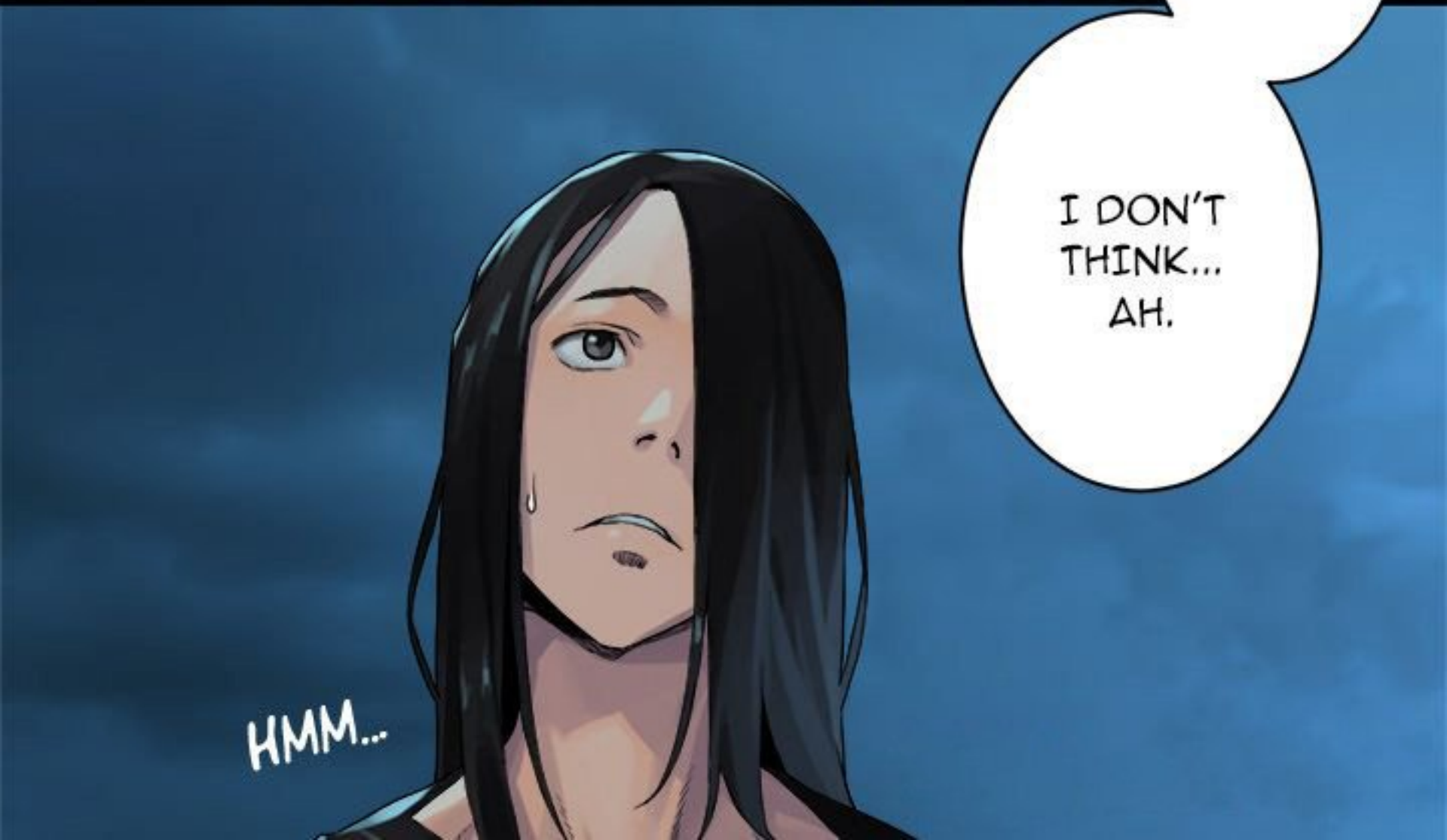
AND THERE
WAS NO GIANT
DEMON LIKE THE
ONE YOU FACED,
EITHER...

DO THESE
THINGS HAPPEN
IN YOUR WORLD,
TOO?



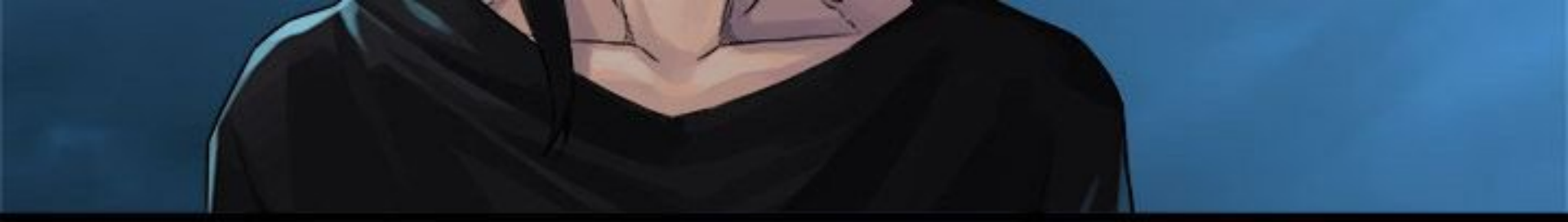



HMM?



I DON'T
THINK...
AH.

HMM...

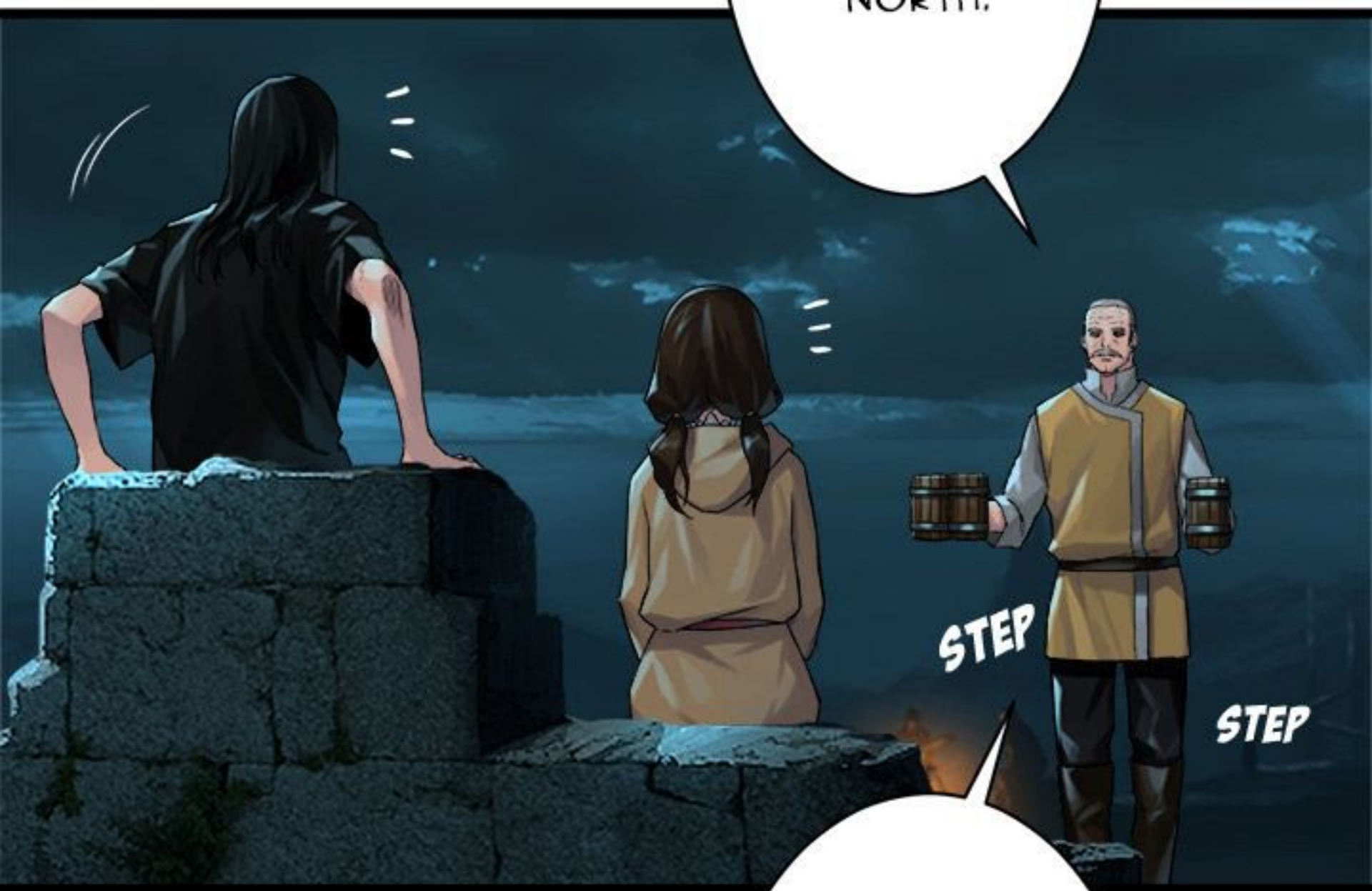


A night sky with a full moon in the top left corner and a starry background. There are some faint, wispy clouds in the lower half of the image. A speech bubble is located in the lower left, and another one is partially visible in the top right.

BUT I THINK
IT'S REALLY
SIMILAR TO
THIS PLACE.




HEY,
I HEAR YOU'RE
GOING TO THE
NORTH



ARE YOU
SURE ABOUT
THAT? IT'S
DANGEROUS
UP THERE.

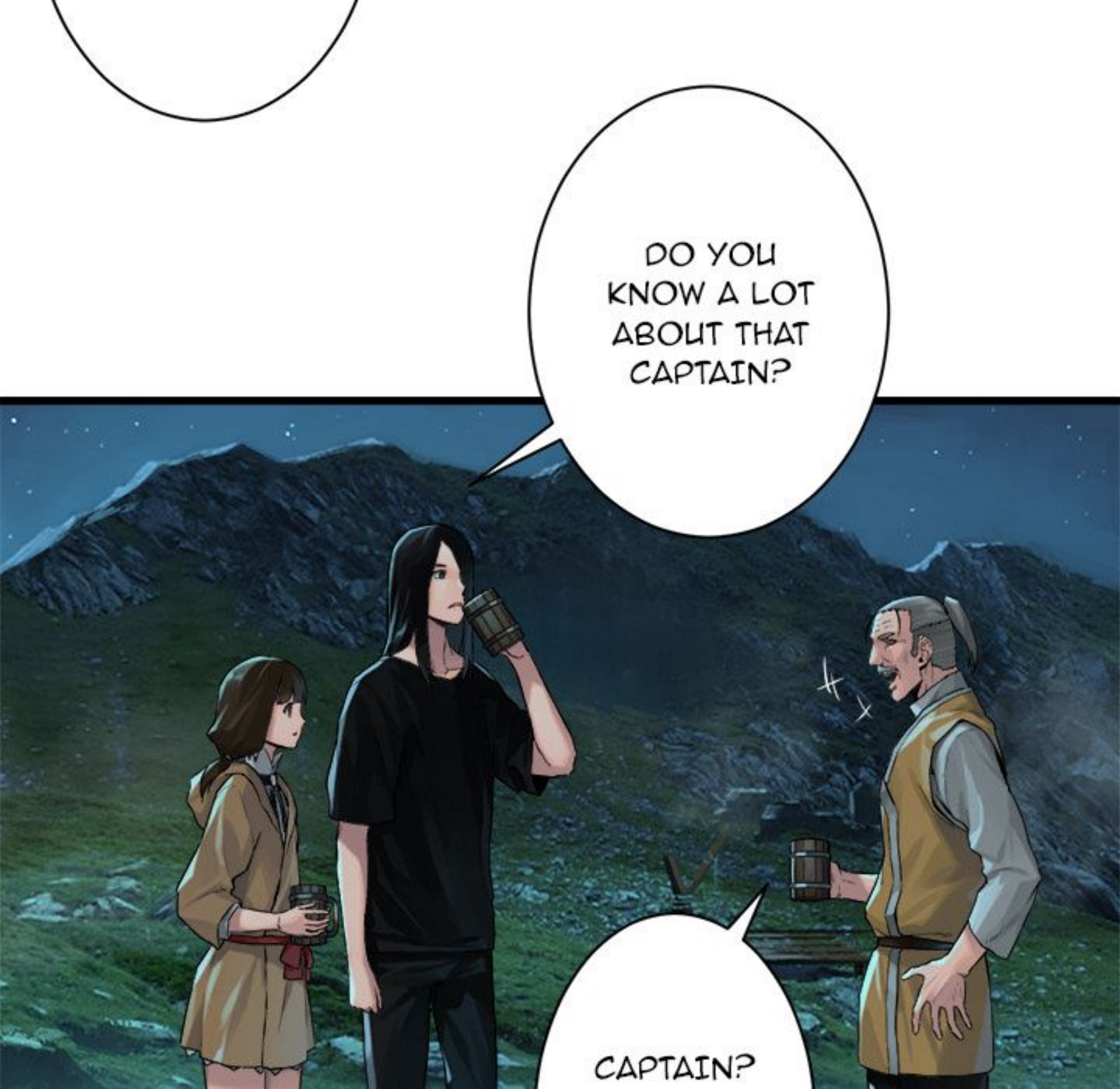
AH, THANK YOU

YES...
WE HAVE
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
TO DO
THERE.




HONESTLY,
I NEVER WOULD'VE
THOUGHT BUTZHOZ
WOULD BE TAKING
SOMEONE ELSE
TO THE NORTH.

YOU AREN'T
NO ORDINARY
FOLK EITHER,
HUH?



DO YOU
KNOW A LOT
ABOUT THAT
CAPTAIN?

CAPTAIN?




HAHAHA! OF
COURSE I DO!

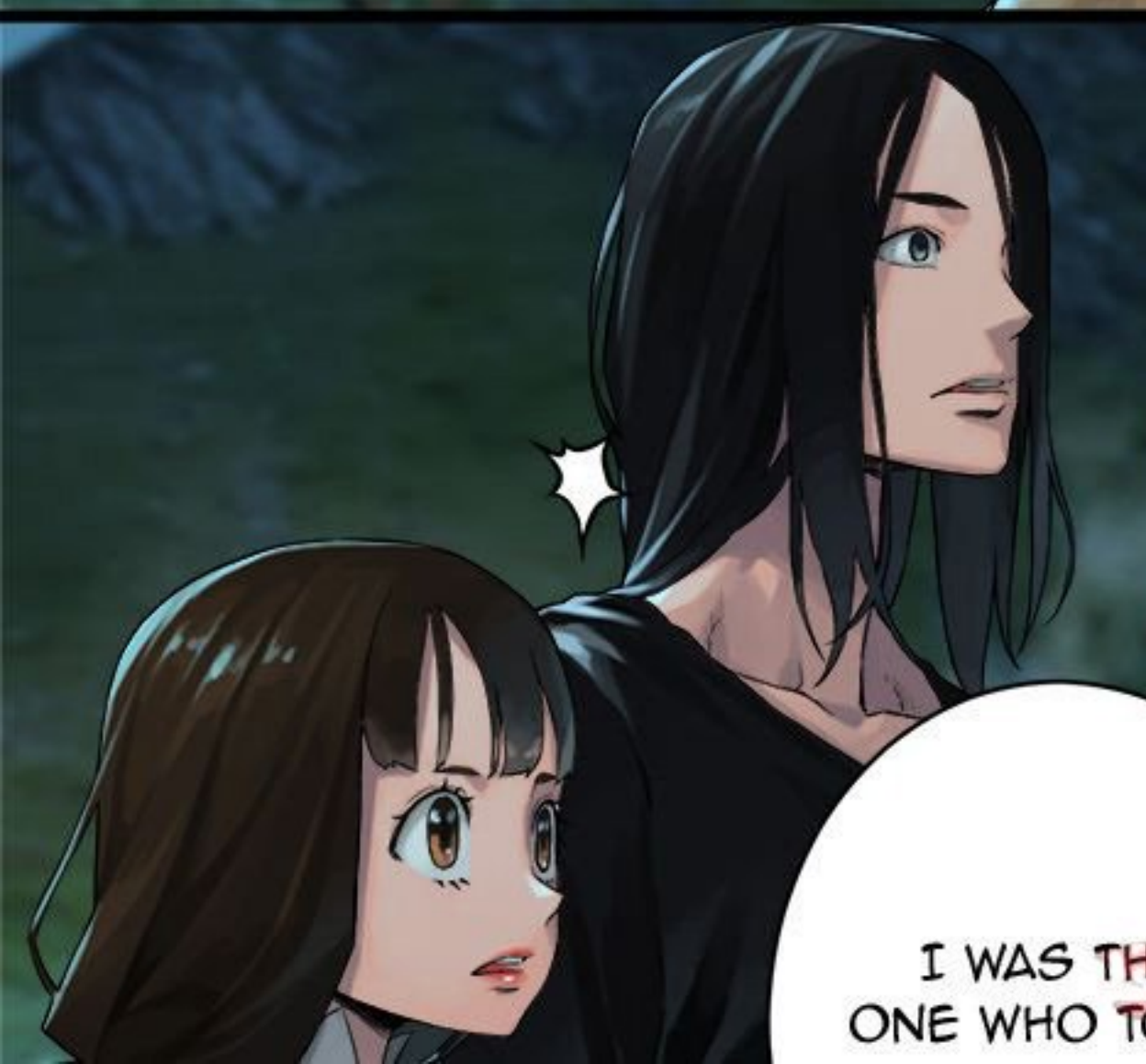
EVEN
THOUGH HE
WASN'T A SAILOR
WHEN I FIRST
MET HIM.



IT MUST'VE
BEEN AROUND
40 YEARS AGO.



BACK WHEN
BUTZHOLZ WAS
STILL A BARD.



HE WENT
TO THE NORTH
WITH A SMALL
GROUP.

I WAS **THE**
ONE WHO **TOOK**



THEM THERE.



BUT




THEN...
WERE THE
PEOPLE HE
WENT WITH...

THE FAMOUS
KALTOVIA
AND GODIN.

AND THE
ENELI KNOWN
AS LILLE.



A comic panel showing three characters from the waist down, standing on a grassy hill at night. The character on the left wears a tan tunic and tall brown boots, holding a lantern. The middle character wears a tan tunic with a red bow, white stockings, and brown boots, also holding a lantern. The character on the right wears black pants and is barefoot, holding a lantern. A large speech bubble on the right contains text.

THEN DO
YOU KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THEM IN
THE NORTH?

I DON'T
KNOW THAT
EITHER.

BUT I DID
SEE GODIN AND
SOMEONE BY THE
NAME OF GRIA GO
BACK TO GORHA
TOGETHER.



A comic panel with a dark, moody background. In the upper left, two figures are seen from behind, standing on a grassy field. One figure is taller, wearing dark clothing and barefoot. The other is shorter, wearing a light-colored tunic and dark boots. In the lower right, a close-up of a man with long, wavy, light-colored hair and a beard, looking down with a somber expression. The background shows a landscape with mountains and a body of water under a twilight sky.

BUTZ HOLZ
CAME BACK
WITH THEM, BUT
IT LOOKED LIKE
HE LOST HIS
MIND.

I WAS SURE
SOMETHING BIG
HAPPENED IN
THE NORTH...




BUT WHEN
I MET BLITZBOLZ
AGAIN IN JIRIEYA,
HE WAS ALREADY
MUTE.

THEN
SOMETHING
HAPPENED
AFTER THEY
WENT TO
GORHA...



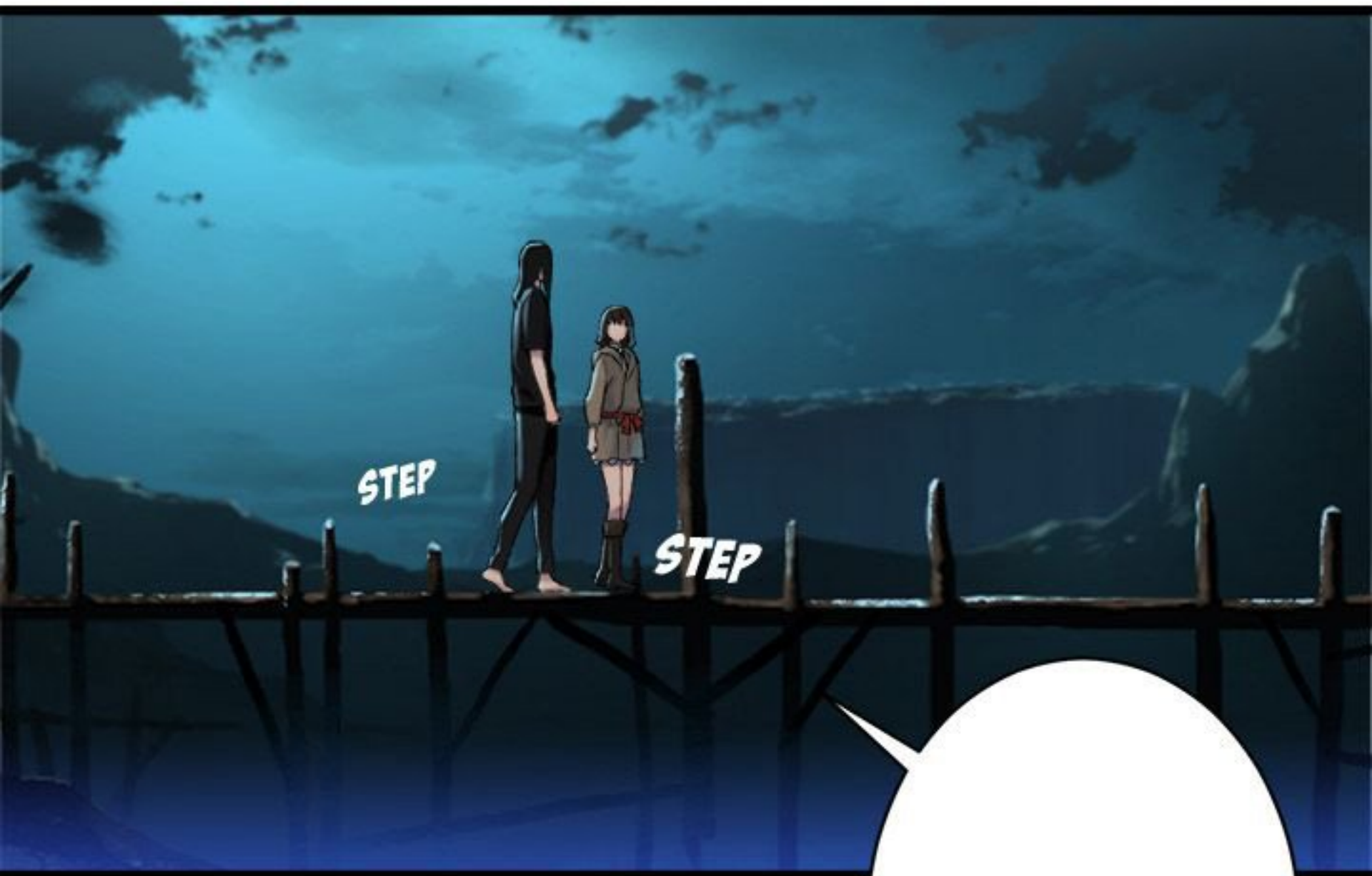
WHO KNOWS...

ALL I KNOW
IS WHAT I SAW
WHILE FERRYING
PEOPLE OVER.



AH, I SEE...






WHAT'S
AN ENELI?

IT DOESN'T
SOUND LIKE A
PERSON'S
NAME...





I'VE NEVER
SEEN ONE BEFORE
EITHER, BUT THEY
SAY THEY'RE A
RACE THAT LIVES
IN ANOTHER
DIMENSION.


ENELIS COME
TO OUR WORLD
AND STAY FOR A
LONG TIME BEFORE
RETURNING...

AND I HEAR
THEY LIVE FOR

THEY LIVE FOR
A LONG TIME THANKS
TO THE EFFECT OF
THEIR DIMENSION.



AHH...
THERE ARE
PLENTY OF THOSE
KINDS OF RACES
IN FANTASIES.



OOOH!
ARE THERE
A LOT OF THEM
IN YOUR WORLD,
LORD YUTUBA?

N-NO, THAT'S
NOT WHAT I

NOT WHAT I
MEANT...

PFFT

HAHA, YOU'VE
BEEN ACTING A
LITTLE STRANGELY,
LORD YUTUBA.



HUH?

I HAVE?

WELL...

YOU USED TO
STUTTER A LOT
WHEN YOU
SPOKE...

AND YOU
WERE ALWAYS
SO HESITANT, AND
USED WEIRD WORDS
ALL THE TIME.

AHH...
I DID?

YES!
SO I JUST
ASSUMED IT
WAS HOW THE
PEOPLE IN YOUR
WORLD SPOKE...

BUT NOW
YOU'RE NOT
DOING IT AS




MUCH.

AHA!
YOU MEAN
WHEN I WAS
TALKING LIKE
THIS... OR
SOMETHING?!

PFFT!

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AH!
THAT'S IT!

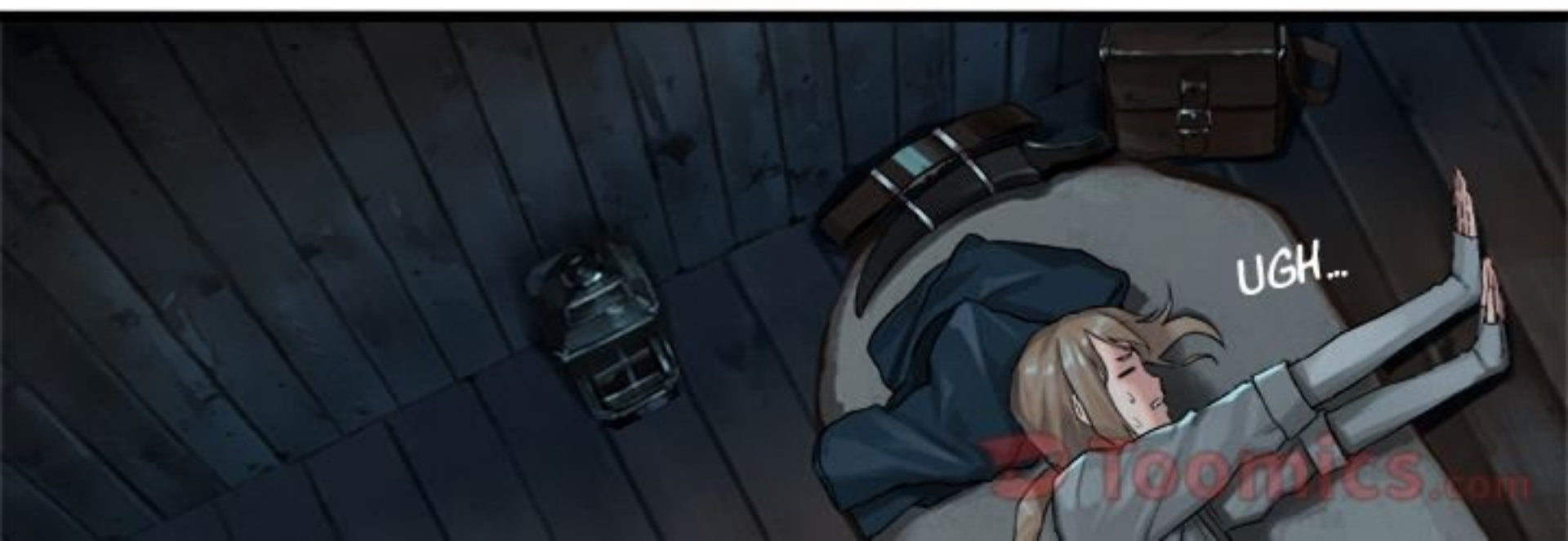
I DON'T
KNOW WHY,
BUT WHEN I HEAR
THAT, I FEEL SO
EMBARRASSED...



AI-CHAN
HAZUKASHII?!




PWAHAHA!
STOP IT, LORD
YUTUBA!!



UGH...






HMM...
SO...

KALTOVIA,
GODIN, LILLE,
BUTZHOLZ.
THE FOUR OF
THEM WENT TO
THE NORTH.



AND THEY
DEFENDED
EVERYONE FROM
THE DEMONS FOR
DECADES.

AND THEN
KALTOVIA'S BLADE




KALIOVIA'S BLADE
GRIA RETURNED
WITH GODIN AND
BUTZHOLZ...

AND GODIN
WENT MISSING,
PROBABLY
BECAUSE HE WAS
KIDNAPPED BY THE
ALCHEMISTS...

BUTZHOLZ
BECAME MUTE
AS PUNISHMENT
FOR BREAKING HIS
PROMISE WITH EA,
AND WAS FOUND
IN JIRIEYA.



The top half of the image features the dark silhouettes of two characters against a bright blue, cloudy sky. On the left, a character with a high-collared coat is shown in profile. On the right, another character with long, dark hair is visible. The bottom half of the image is a solid dark grey gradient.

AND IT SOUNDS
LIKE GRIA WAS
ALSO TAKEN BY
THE ALCHEMISTS
AND TURNED INTO
A DEMON...

BUT I WONDER
WHY HE WAS
CALLED THE
WANDERING
BLADE...

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

ARGH!
WHY DO I
HAVE TO STUDY
THIS PLACE'S
HISTORY ALL OF
A SUDDEN?!

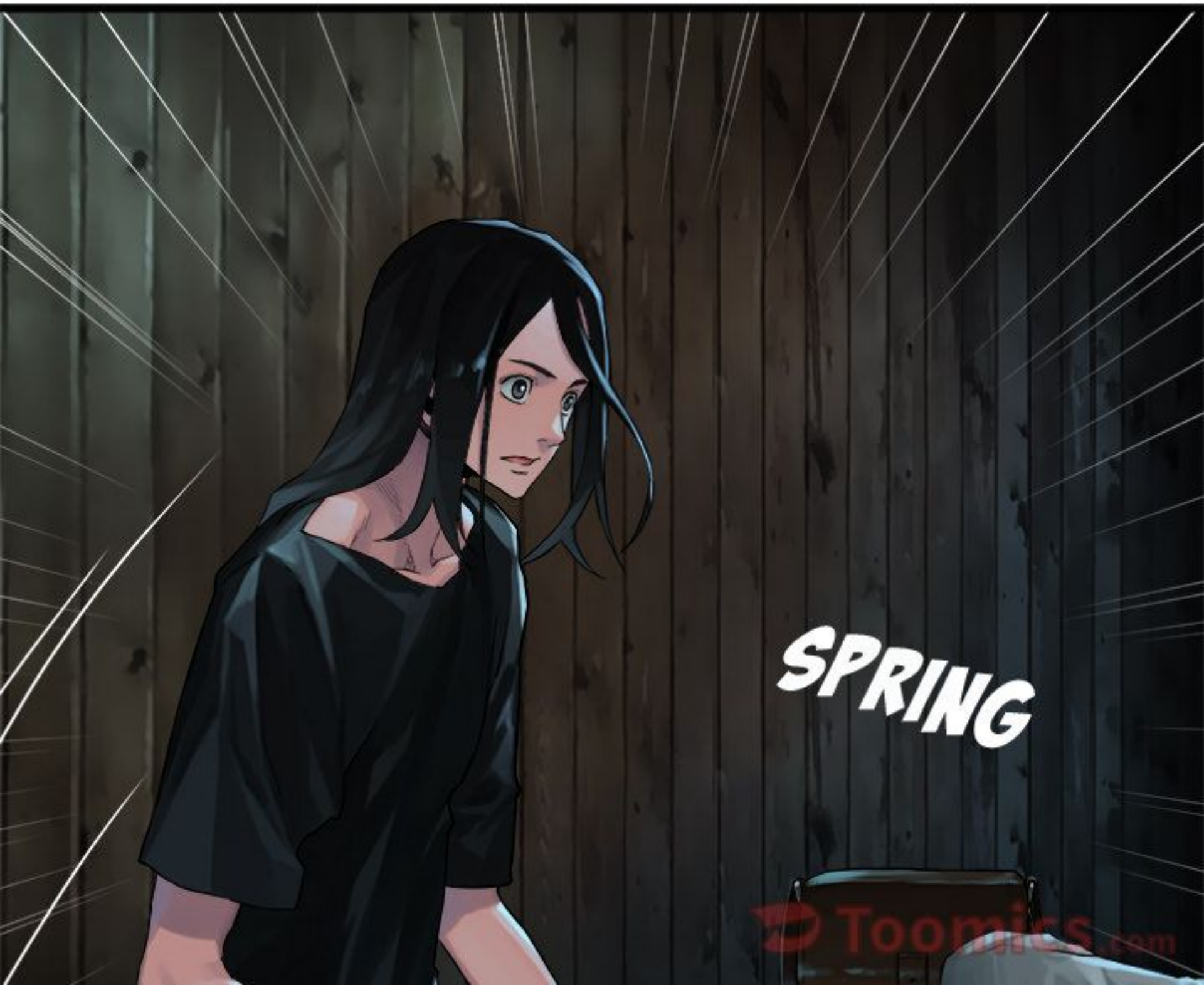
ALL I EVER
DID AT SCHOOL
WAS SLEEP!

THEN AGAIN!



THEN AGAIN,
I ALWAYS REMEMBER
THE STORYLINES OF
MY FAVORITE
ANIME...

THIS SHOULD
BE A PIECE OF
CAKE...



SPRING



WHERE...
DID LILLE
GO?




WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THAT
ENELI?



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O BARD OF
AGES PAST.




WAS THE
REASON EA
TOOK BUTZHOLZ'S
VOICE AWAY...

RELATED TO
THAT LILLE
PERSON...?

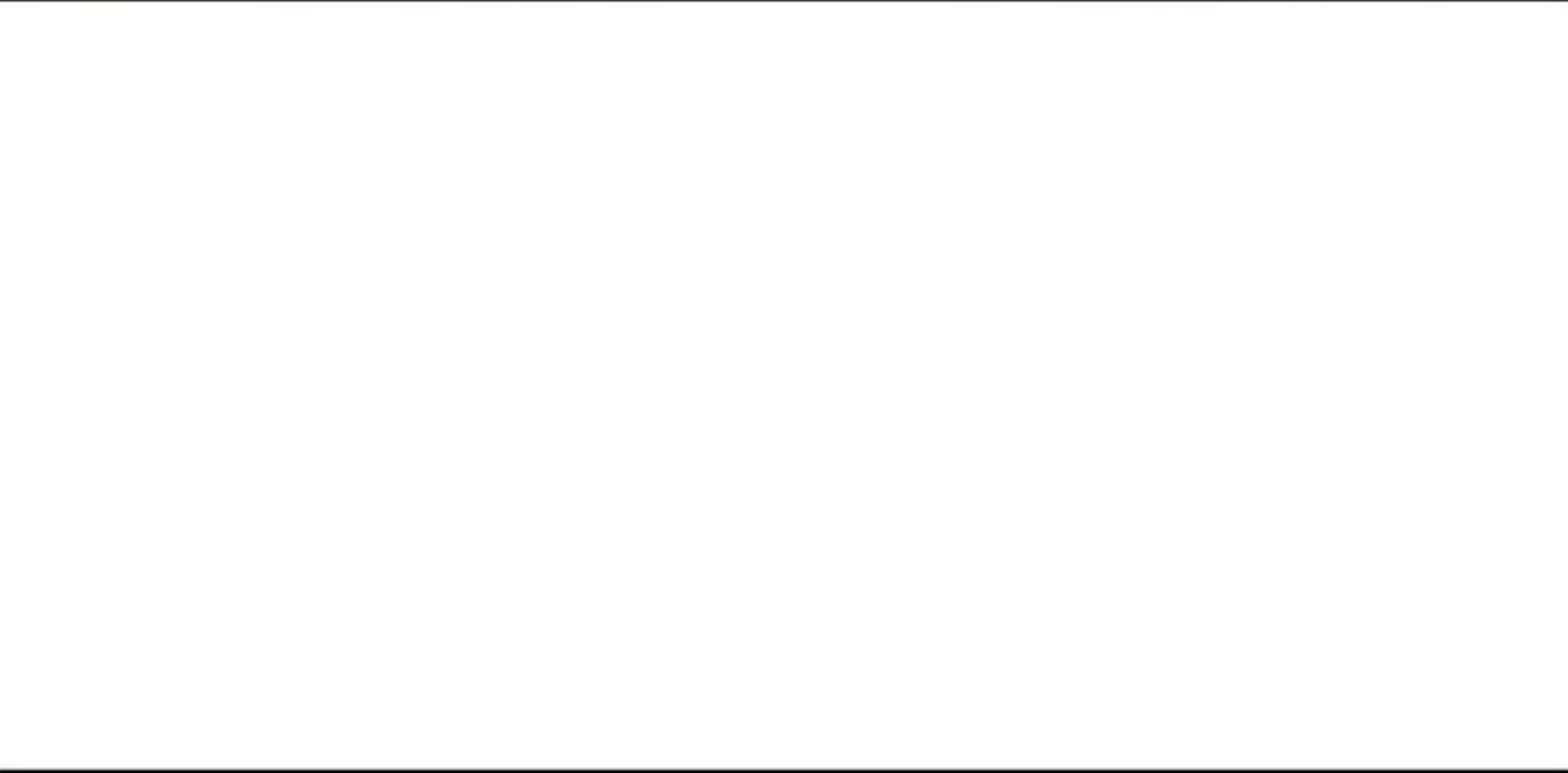


I HAVE
TO FIND
OUT.



THIS MIGHT
BE MORE IMPORTANT
THAN I THOUGHT.

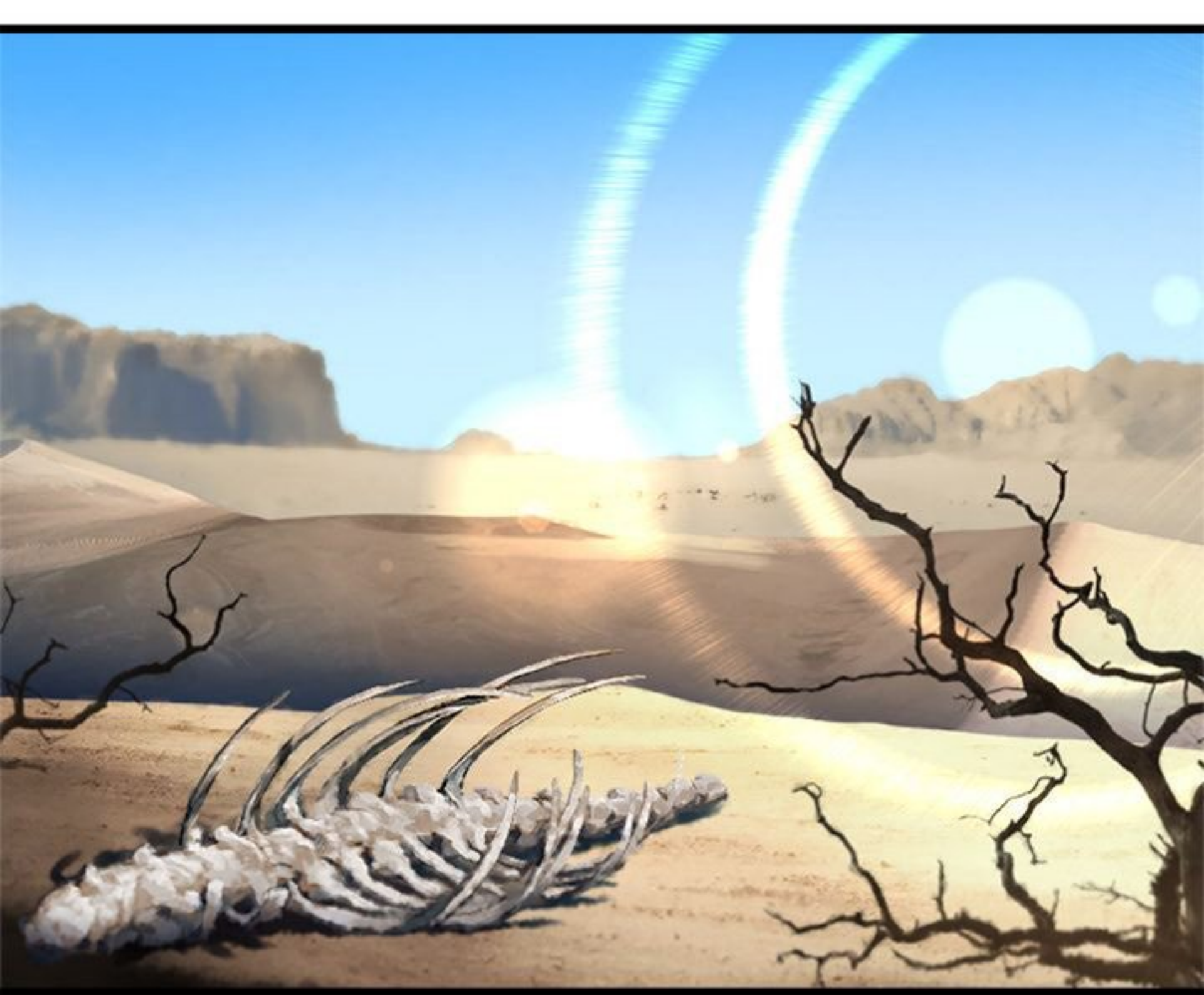




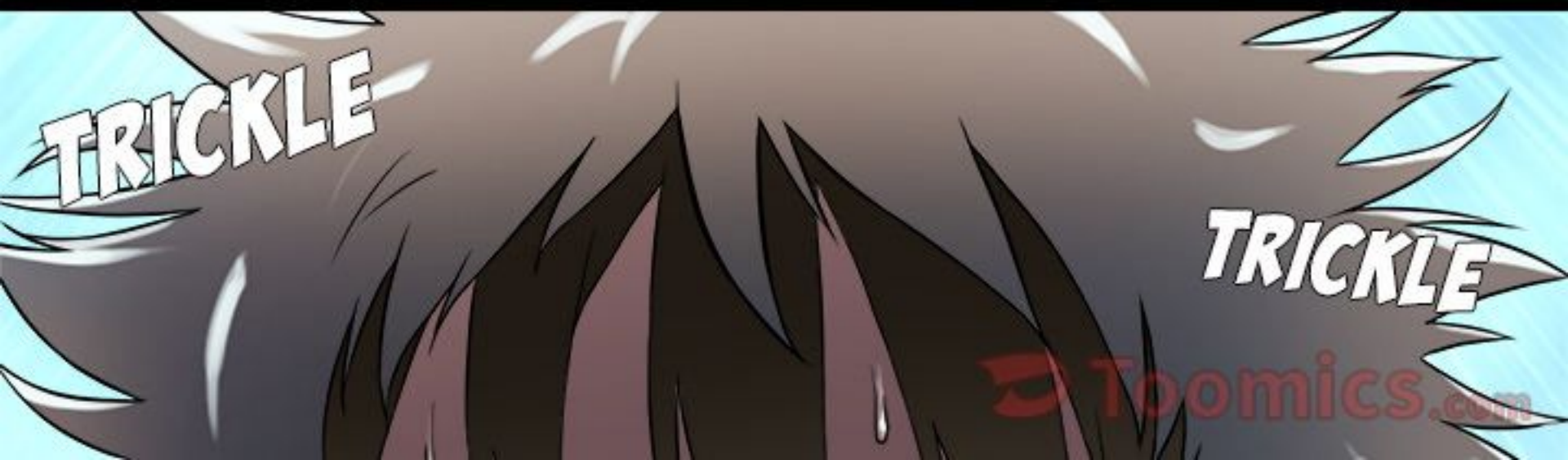




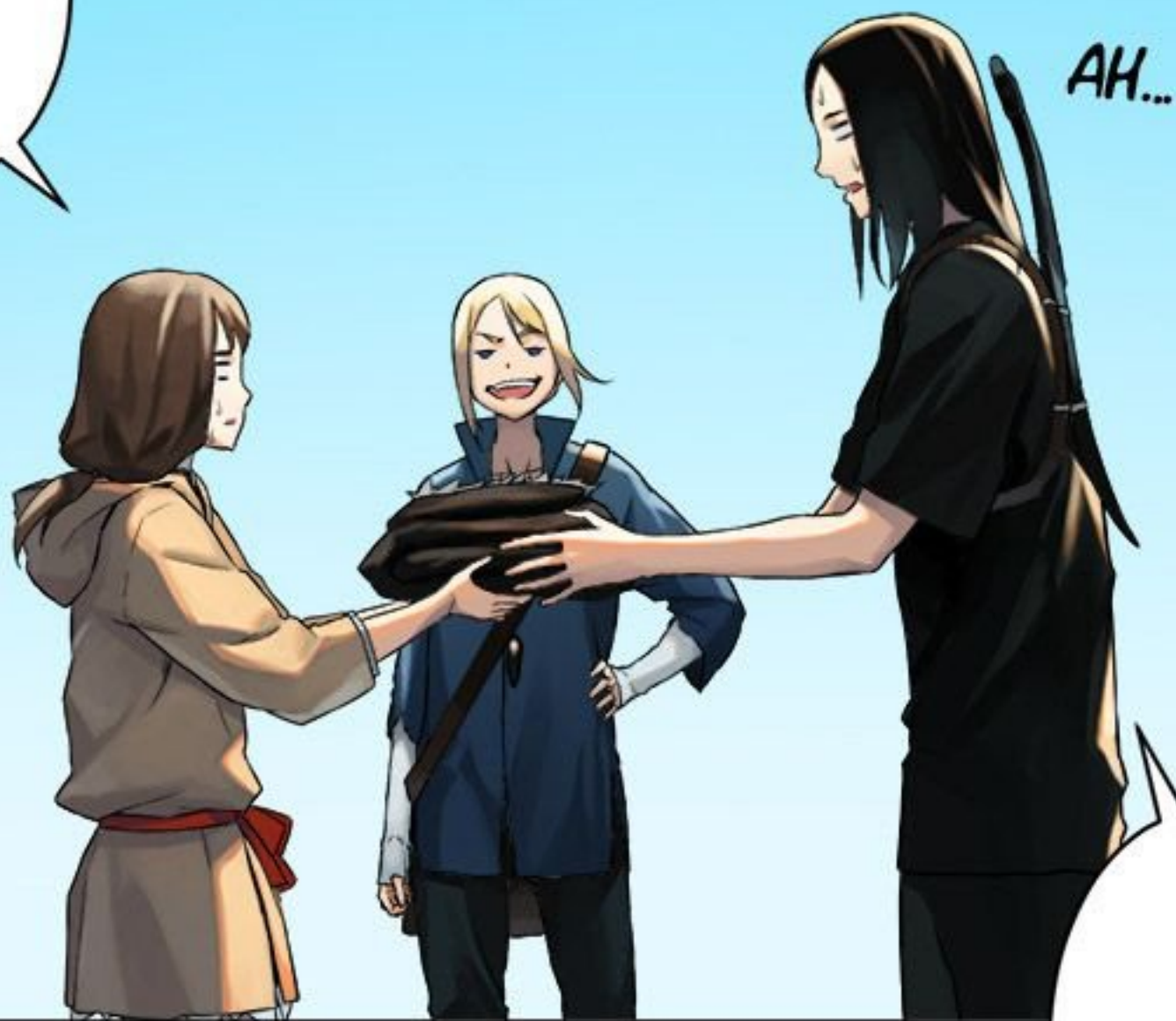












AH...



I-I GUESS

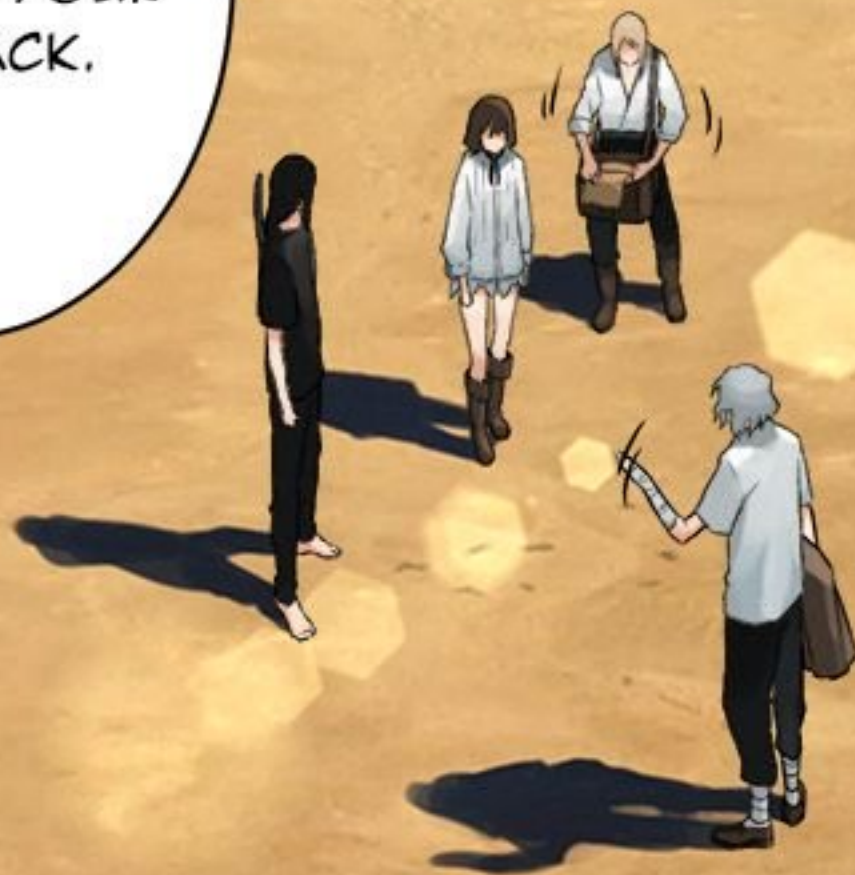
I SHOULD TAKE
THIS BACK...
C-COULD YOU
SEND ME...

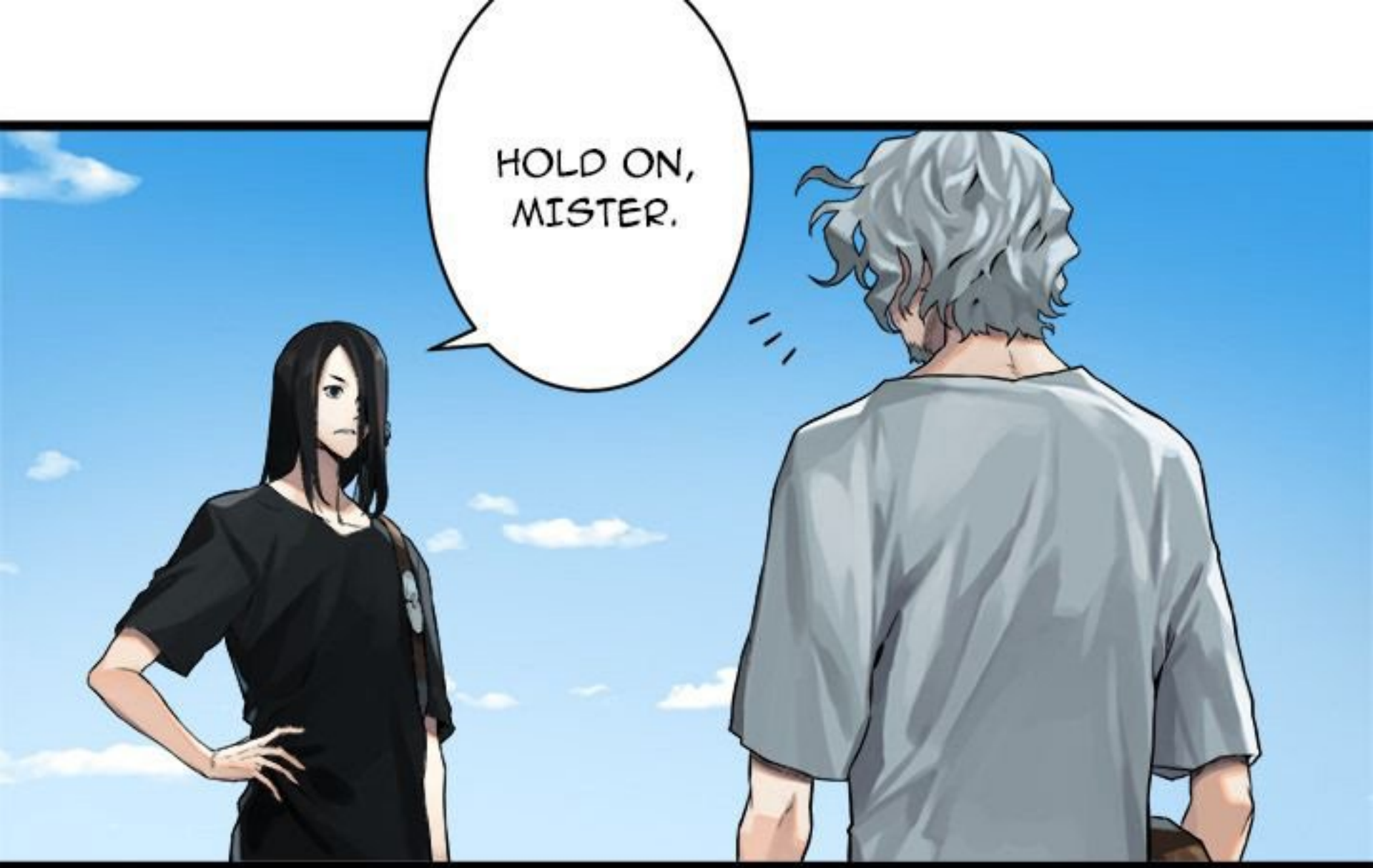




THANK YOU
FOR TAKING
US HERE.

PLEASE TAKE
CARE ON YOUR
WAY BACK.





HOLD ON,
MISTER.

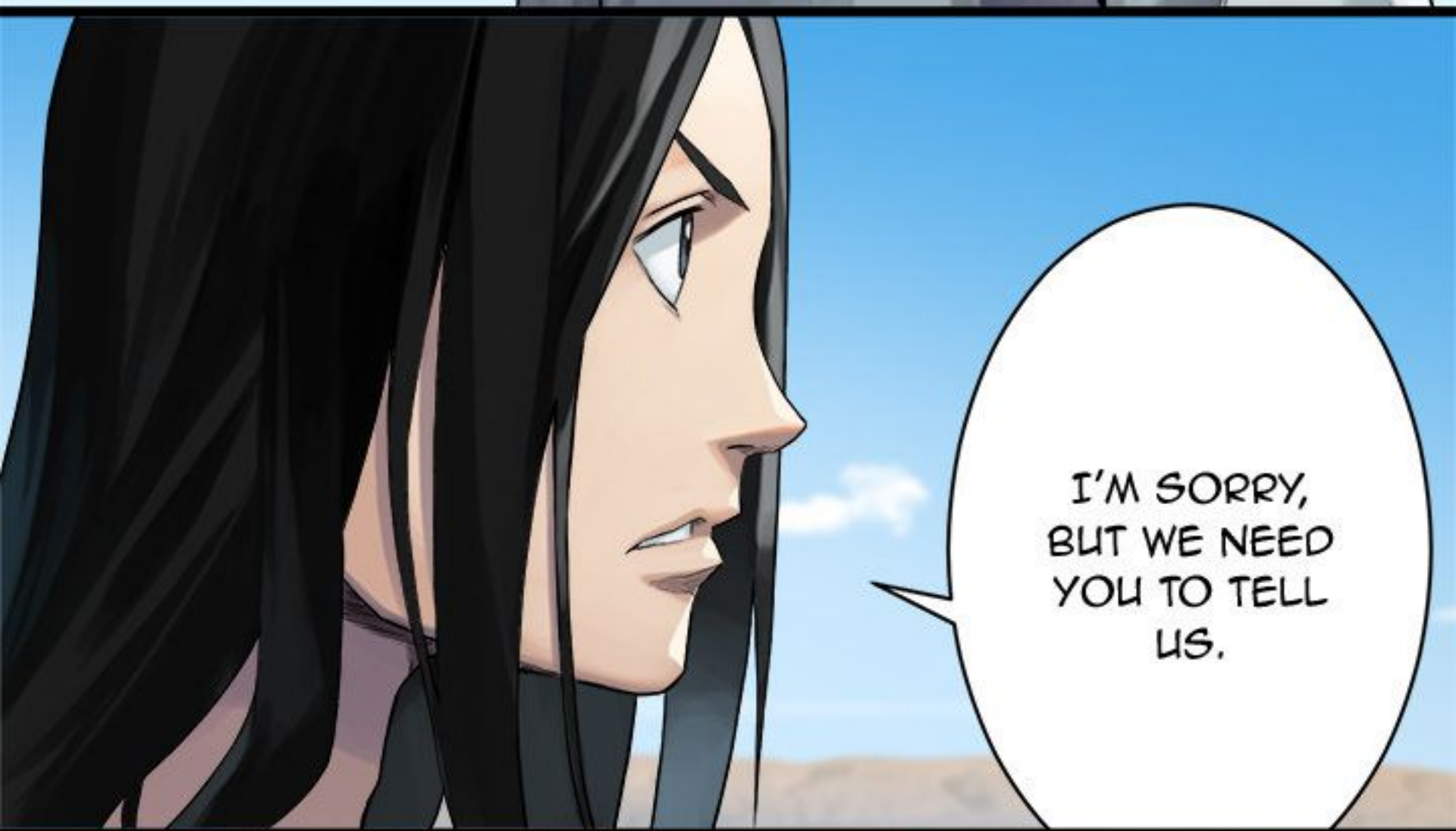
I GET THAT
YOU DON'T WANT

YOU DON'T WANT
TO REMEMBER
WHAT HAPPENED...



BUT YOU
CAN'T EXACTLY
SAY OUR MISSION
AND YOUR OLD ONE
IS COMPLETELY
UNRELATED NOW,
CAN YOU?





I'M SORRY,
BUT WE NEED
YOU TO TELL
US.

WHERE
IS THAT
ENELI?



A person's legs and feet are visible at the top of the frame, walking along a curved, light-colored surface. The background is a dark, gradient sky. A large white speech bubble is positioned on the right side of the image.

WHERE
IS LILLE?

HER SUMMON